witnesses of the fire, and personally noted the efficiency of the fire depart-

ment. They expressed their appreciation by telling Director Beitler, of the depart-ment of public safety, that a check of \$5,000 would be sent to him to-morrow

morning, to be used at his discretion for the benefit of the firemen.

PROF. SMITH IN HIS OWN BEHALF

He Replies to the Charges of Heresy

Preferred Against Him. CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 6 .- At the morn-

ing session of the Presbytery Rev. A. C.

McGifford offered a protest against the

ruling of the moderator, whereby the print-

ed response of Professor Smith was ruled

cut as testimony. The ground taken was

that the decision was erroneous, prejudi-cial to the interest of the accused, mis-chlevous in its tendency and subversive of the ends of justice. The protest was ad-

mitted and referred to the committee on

Rev. T. O. Lowe then resumed his ad-

In reviewing Professor Smith's comment on the imperfections of David, Dr. Lowe called attention to the fact that David was

a magistrate, chosen of God, and had to be severe. It did not show, he contended,

that David had human weakness, such as

At the afternoon session Dr. Lowe spoke

At the alternoon session Dr. Lowe spoke of the duty of the church toward these whom she deemed heretical, sustaining his position with citations from the Scriptures bearing upon the subject. To find Professor Smith guiltless, he said, would be to declare the church's toleration of the heretical doctrines taught by him. He should be denoted from the ministry.

be deposed from the ministry.

Professor Smith began his argument with

Professor Smith began his argument with a statement that the prosecution committee had indulged in "alarmist appeals." They assumed, too, that he had tried to "force" some doctrines on the church. This was not true. There was simply an honest difference of opinion, and he was in entire harmony with the "hurch. He had been told that trouble could have been avoided by his voluntary withdrawal from the church But that he could not consistently do, because he had been called to the

do, because he had been called to the Presbyterian church.

Presbyterian church.

After dispessing of what he termed "informal charges." Professor Smith discussed at length the charges preferred by the prosecution committee. Adjourned.

THE NICARAGUA CANAL.

The Report of the omnany Laid Before

the Senate. WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 .- Vice-President Morton to-day laid before the Senate the report of the Nicaragua Canal

Company. Of the capital stock 19,145

shares have been subscribed for and \$1,-

(01,450 paid thereon. Receipts from other sources amount to \$39,299.70, making total

receipts \$1,040,749.70. The expenditures have been \$315,049.63 cash, including \$50.090

paid to Nicaragua for lands purchased for route of canal, and 31,990 shares of capital stock, of the par value of \$3,199,000. The company is also obligated for \$6,355,000 of first mortgage bonds. One hundred and

eighty thousand shares of stock, par value, \$18,000,000, have been issued in pay-

bonds are due to the Nicaragua Canal Construction Company for work done and

materials used. Work on the canal began June 3, 1889. Nineteen miles of the route have been cleared, sixty miles of

telegraph line erected, a telephone system established and six miles of railroad

constructed through swamps to enable the contractors to begin work on the big

THE BOUNDARY QUESTION.

Held To-Day.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6.-Special.

Lieutenant-Governor J. Hoge Tyler, chair-

man of the joint committee on the boun-

dary line question, arrived this evening.

The Maryland delegation, Hon. Thomas Hayes chairman, are at the Ebbitt

Mr. R. H. Cardwell, chairman of the Virginia delegation, addressed a commu-

nication to Mr. Hayes to-night, and the

result of the correspondence was the arrangement for a meeting to-morrow morning at the Maryland parlors at the Ebbitt House. All of the Virginia mem-

bers will be present except Messrs. John Jackson, of Richmond, and W. B. Mc-Ilwaine, of Petersburg.

The Virginia delegation held an infor-

mal meeting to-night to arrange the preliminaries for to-morrow, but no busi-

ness of importance was transacted. State Senator McDonald, who is a member of the Senate Committee on Fish and Game,

is here, although not a member of the

REV. EDWIN JONES

Brunswick-Burial of Weldon Haskins.

ORDSBURG, BRUNSWICK CO., VA.

Dec.6.-Special -The Rev. Edwin B.

Jones, who has been sick for a long time,

and has been in Petersburg for the past

few months, was moved on Saturday last to the home of his brother, Mr. J. Ra-

renceville. Dr. Jones expects to come

Mr. Weldon Haskins was buried on the 4th instant at the grove in the old

Meade cemetery by the Rev. E. Meade. Mr. Haskins was a son of Dr. Richard E. Haskins, of Brunswick, and brother of Colonel Meade Haskins, of Richmond.

He died very suddenly last Wednesday at Goshen, Rockbridge county.

The high price has caused a great

deal of tobacco to be shipped to Peters-

burg lately.
Game of all sorts is abundant this fall.

Quite a number of deer have been shot

Central Field Trials. LEXINGTON, N. C., Dec. 6.-The second series of the Central Field Trials,

the Pointer Derby Stake, took place to-

birds in the open field were plentiful.
Dogs ran as follows: Jingo, with Graceful second; Graceful, with Lad of Rush.
Jingo won the first prize; Lad of Rush

In the Setter Derby Stake which fol-lowed the dogs ran as follows: Kingston,

with Brighton Clip: Hopes Mint, with Hamlet; Nahanke Alice, with Chevalier Gladstone: Pet. with Tan; Clem Glad-stone, with Cecil H.; Dot Rogers, with

Fox; Bonaii, with Winnipeg; Maiden Mine, with Lochinvar; Nahanke Philip II., with Duff; Gater, with Sir Kend; Rodsue,

Beath of Mrs. Juliette Dew.

The day was fair and clear and

very ill at her home near here.

wife of Dr. Carter Haskins is

venscroft Jones, who lives near

H. L. W.

special committee.

home shortly.

lately near here.

second, Graceful third.

with Rogers Stark.

cut at "the eastern divide."

The Virginia-Maryland Confe

ment for concessions, franchises, &c.

malice and revenge.

INATTENTIVE MEMBERS.

CONGRESSMEN PAY NO ATTENTION TO THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Writing as the Vocal Gymnastics of the Clerk Proceeds - What the Virginia Members Say About Extra Session.

TIMES BUREAU, RAPLEY BUILDING, WASHINGTON, Dec. 6, 1893.

A cold, rainy, cheerless morning coupled with the knowledge that the reading of the President's message would occupy almost the entire day had the effect of keeping a good many members down town, and leaving the galleries almost entirely deserted. The members began to gather at an early hour, and the greetings that marked yesterday were conusued on a large scale again to-day. A tow fresh baskets of flowers adorned the deaks of members who were not present

The diplomatic and executive galleries were not occupied, and scarcely half a d son ladies were in the members' galery, while the occupants of the public callery looked like a lot of people who e seeking shelter and warmth, rather than the edification which the reading of the President's message with about the rapidity and distinctness of an auctioneer could afford.

At noon Speaker Crisp rapped the ouse to order, and a prayer, the first and by some of the members since last rd by some of the members since last sion, was offered by Rev. Dr. Milburn. alleded touchingly to the many afetions which had been visited upon the resident recently, and invoked blessings

on his future life. The clerk read the titles of a number f communications in the shape of reports from the various departments, and at its close, "a message from the President" was announced. The reading of the message began at 12:15, and was completed at 1:40 P. M. About one hundred members, nearly evenly divided between the Democrats and Republicans, remained in the House during the reading. These were engaged in either talking or writing, and Mr. Hooker, of Missouri, seemed the only one who attempted to follow the vocal gymnastics of the reading clerk. reading of the message the House adjourned.

The time of the Senate was taken up by the reading of the message from the President, and a short executive session followed its completion. After which the body adjourned.

Both Democrats and Republicans seemed pleased with the message, its tone bolsters up some of the weakened Republicans up some of the weakened Republicans and the Democrats rejoice that he forces the party to keep on the extreme lines of the high tariff and Force bill.

Congressman W. A. Jones, of the First district, was early in his seat this morn-

ing. Regarding the extra session, he said: "I am an ardent tariff reformer, but I believe we have a plenty of time for these reforms in the usual sessions, and unless the condition of the Treasury after March 4th absolutely demands it, I am

not in favor of an extra session."

Captain George D. Wise arrived late last night, and was at the Capitol this morning. He said: "I think the quesmorning. He said: "I think the ques-tion of an extra session is one which will remain for Mr. Cleveland to determine after his inauguration. It is impossible now for any one to know what circum-stances may arise, or what conditions may exist at that time. I do not think that such sessions should be called unless the public business absolutely requires it. The President will have his Government to inaugurate, and such a session would impose upon him many very onerous duties. It seems to me now that if it appears to be necessary, that September or October would be early enough for the

Mr. Posey G. Lester, of the Fifth dis-trict, who, on account of his health, refused to become a candidate for re-elec-tion, said: "I want to see Democratic principles fnaugurated as early as is practicable, but I think that we should he very conservative and consider what effect an unusual action would have upon the business interests of the country. We cannot be expected to correct all the evils t twenty-five years of Republican legislation in a single term."

ongressman Buchanan, of the Ninth contrict, said: "I will not be a member of the next Congress, and have really even no serious thought to the proba-

Congressman Epes, of the Fourth disover his recent re-election, and two days has been warmly congratulated by his associates in the house who knew of his hard fight against the Third party candidate. On the subject of the extra session, he expresses himself as seeing at this time no need of it, but like nearly all of the members, he believes in meeting the question when the full dition of affairs shall be known at the close of this session.

I walked into the Metropolitan this afternoon, and was strongly reminded of the days of last winter in Richmond. The lobby was well filled with familiar faces, for the boundary delegation had arrived. Those who are here are: tor Echols. Representatives. Ca Cardwell, Ryan, Gibson, Shackelford, Wilkins and H. O. James; Colonel John Bell Bigger, Billy Wilson and Assistant Sergeant Arms Gunter, Senators Blackstone, Little and Stubbs will come in during the even-

One of the best after election stories told so far this session is one given by Congressman Hopkins, of Illinois. In his district is the little crossroads postoffice of Ivanhoe, which was presided over dur-ing Mr. Cleveland's administration by a German Democrat. When Mr. Harrison assumed control Mr. Hopkins had the office turned over to a Republican, who was also a German. A little over a year ago the man died and his Teutonic wife was appointed to succeed him. On the

appeared at the postoffice.
"Cleveland has won," he exclaimed, mingling tones of delight with accents and gesticulations of the Fatherland,

ad the postoffice is mine." the widow, being aware of Mr. Clevend's election, and unsuspectingly beying her official career at an end, officed no protest when the jubilant German be contents of the postoffice to his He has been acting as postmaster

Hopkins reported the case at the Postoffice Department yesterday, and an impector has been sent to convince the terprising Democrat of the error of his

The story shows that there are really ne office-seekers in the Democratic fanks yet, and as I know some people who would take a postoffice management as soon as they can get it, I write this to let the present holders know that they are not compelled to give them up at

The most pleasing little farce that came to light yesterday was the petition presented by Representative Payne from little Johany Davenport, chief supervisor elections for the Southern district of New York. Mr. Davenport was the evil genius which cropped out in the Force bill. He now comes and asks to be given a hearing before the bar of the House, as te was denied a hearing before the com-

The special committee appointed at the last session—Congressman Fitch chair-man—issued a subpoena for "Johnny," Mr. Peffer (F. A., Kan.): To prohibit but he failed to appear when asked to the collection of special liquor taxes from

come, but presumed to fix a time to suit his lordly convenience. This, of course, the committee entirely disregarded, and to fix the rank and pay of officers and the committee the committee entirely disregarded, and to fix the rank and pay of officers and the committee the committee that the c proceeded with its work in a business-like manner. Mr. Fitch laughed yester-day at Johnny's presumption, and said: "The committee has about all the testi-

mony that is necessary." So there is but little chance of Mr. Davenport's being heard. In fact, the whole country has evidence enough about Johnny, Force bills and Federal elections, and it is safe to predict that before Johnny is heard the Democratic party will have made him plain John I. Davenport, with the super-visor business scratched off of his stationery.
Dr. J. L. M. Curry was on the floor of

the House this morning, and sat among the Virginia delegation until after the opening exercises.

The following postoffice change was

made to-day, Virginia-H. T. Hancock, at Greenback-ville, Accomac county, vice S. R. Steb-The following pension certificates have

Virginia—Original, Frederick Hackett (deceased), John C. Frye; additional, Thomas Morris; increase, John T. Law-less, Daniel Wood; original, Widow Mary S. Watts.

North Carolina-Original, John Robert-

deal out intoxicating liquors.

To fix the rank and pay of officers and men retiring from the army and navy after long and faithful services.

Mr. Vest (Dem., Mo.): To create a bureau in the Department of Agriculture for the civing of rubble information.

for the giving of public information as to the production and shipping of cattle. This, on Mr. Vest's motion, was referred to his own Committee on the Transportation of Food Products.

Mr. Vest also offered a joint resolution which, he said, he should call up to-morrow, authorizing the President to company three commissioners to confer

appoint three commissioners to confer with the proper authorities of the five civilized tribes of Indians, with a view of making such agreements as will induce them to take homes in severalty and to sell the remainder of their lands.

Mr. Mitchell (Rep., Ore.) offered a joint resolution calling for the correspondence in relation to the killing of Frank Riley, a sailor of the United States ship Newark in Genoa. Italy. Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Vest (Dem., Mo.) presented a resolution of inquiry by the Census Committes into the charges that census enumerators in Missouri and elsewhere had made lists of voters for partisan use in the late election under instructions of the Bureau. and that certain clerks of the Census



Speaker of the 52d Congress.

son; additional, Josiah Newson, Thomas Henderson; original, Widow Maria Stokely; Mexican, Widow Sally Harrell.

The Senate.

Immediately after the reading of the brief Journal of yesterday's proceedings. Assistant Secretary Prudden was announced, with a "message from the President of the United, States

Secretary McCook entered upon the reading of it with considerable abatement of his usual rapidity of utterance. There were nearly sixty senators in attendance. Senator Hill, of New York, one of the prominent absentees, yesterday, was in his seat at the opening of the session to-day. Senator Ransom, of North Carolina, entered the chamber during the reading of the message. Senator Vilas, of Wisconsin, and one or two other senators held pamphlet copies of the message. When the reading of the message was completed Mr. Manderson chairman of the Committee on Printing, offered a resolution for printing 10,000 copies for the use of the Senate, which was adopted

Then the Vice-President rather surprised the Senate by formally laying before it a communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting the electoral

vote of the State of Maryland.

Mr. Hoar (Rep., Mass.), chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, and for many years the leading Republican member of the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections, rose to inquire whether this was not a matter falling entirely within

the official duties of the Vice-President. Mr. Hunton (Dem., Va.) remarked that he had never known these certificates laid before the Senate. The Vice-President said he was simply obeying a precedent of the Senate, and he had read an entry as to such action having been previously had with regard to the vote of Michigan. He also had the clerk to read the law

directing the Sccretary of State to communicate these certificates to Congress. No further objection was thereupon raised, and the Vice-President announced that he had also received the result of the electoral votes of the State of Georgia,

New Hampshire and Arkansas.

The receipt of each was ordered to be inserted in the Record.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a number of official reports, including a reply of the Secretary of the Senate to the Stewart financial resolution of July 30th last. A number of petitions for and against the Anti-Option bill were presented, and also many petitions pro and con on the subject of closing the World's Fair on Sunday. Among the bills introduced were the

Mr. Butler (Dem., S. C.): To amend the law authorizing the repeal of the direct

Mr. Bate (Dem., Tenn.): To repeal the laws relating to appointment of election supervisor.
Mr. Chandler (Rep., N. H.): To suspend immigration for one year. Mr. Peffer (F. A., Kun.): To prohibit

Bureau were sent to the State of New York to perform partisan service while drawing Government pay.

Mr. Vest said the facts in regard to

Missouri were attested by letters written by Mr. Isaacs, secretary of the Republi-

Mr. Hale (Rep., Mc.), chairman of the Census Committee, promised the fullest investigation of the Senator's charges, if they were found worthy of investigation, but he expressed his opinion that the charges were groundless, and that no great work had ever been done for the United States with so little po-Htical bias as the work of the Census

Mr. Vest, in explanation of that part of his resolution relating to New York. said it was well known that a census clerk from his own State had been arrested in Albany for hiring a boat, stocking it with provisions, and attempting to persuade 350 Democrats to go down the river until after the election.

Mr. Mitchell (Rep., Ore.), amidst laughter asked if the Senator from Missouri meant to imply that the result in the State of New York had been affected by this pernicious activity.

Mr. Vest replied that the result had nothing to do with the case. The resolution was laid over under the rules until

At the close of the routine business, and before the unfinished business of the last session, the Anti-Option bill, could be laid before the Senate, Mr. Sherman (Rep., Ohio), chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, called for executive session on the recess appointments.

The Senate went into secret session at 1:25, and at 2:40 adjourned until to-morrow.

House of Representatives.

In opening the House with prayer, Chaplain Milburn touchingly referred to the double affliction, which has within such a brief time visited President Harri-ron. He invoked the comfort and blessings of Almighty God to rest upon the bereaved husband, to whom had already been given the sympathies of the nation. The Journal of yesterday was read and

At 12:10 Executive Clerk Pruden appeared upon the floor of the House and presented the President's annual message

The clerk began reading the document, and as it progressed several members left the hall, while others engaged in con-versation. At the conclusion of the versation. At the conclusion of the President's message Mr. McMillin offered resolution providing for printing the

Adopted Mr. Fellows (Dem., N. Y.) was granted indefinite leave of absence on account of illness.

Mr. Outhwaite (Dem., Ohio) announced the death of his late colleague, John G. Warwick, late a representative from Ohio, and asked that the House adjourn as an additional mark of respect. The House at 1:40 P. M. adjourned until noon

HIS BODY PLACED BESIDE THAT OF HIS WIFE IN WOODLAWN.

A Brief, Simple Service at the Tomb-No Demonstratioes of Grief-A Guard to be Placed at the Mausoleum.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6 .- The closing scene in the remarkable history of America's famous financier has been eracted. The body of Jay Gould rests beside that of his wife in the marble mausoleum, in Woodlawn cemetery. The funeral cortege left the Gould mansion at Fortyseventh street and Fifth avenue at 10:30 o'clock this morning. As the hearse moved away, Mr. and Mrs. George Gould emerged from the house. With them were: Miss Helen Gould and Harold Gould. These four entered the first carriage. They were followed by Edwin Gould and his wife, Howard and Annie Gould, who took seats in the second carriage. The third carriage was occupied by Abram Gould, the dead financier's brother, and Frank

Gould.

Mrs. Northrup and her daughter en-Mrs. Northrup and her daughter entered the next carriage, followed by Mrs. D. Palen and Mrs. Northrup's two sons, who occupied the fifth conveyance. The remaining carriages—there were nine in all—were occupied by near friends of the family and a few of Mr. Gould's business associates. After all the carriages had been filled, Chancellor McCracken and Pay Dr. Terry drays up to the head of had been filled, Chancellor McCracken and Rev. Dr. Terry drove up to the head of the line and took a place in front of the hearse. In this order the procession left the house and proceeded up Fifth avenue. Shortly after 12:19 o'clock the hearse passed under the west entrance to Woodlawn cemetery, and in a few minutes the carriages were lined up, facing the Gould mausoleum. The casket was immediately taken from the bearse and placed in a sarcophagus, and then as soon as the family and relatives had grouped themselves around the tomb, which was sheltered by temporary tents, Chancellor McCracken took up a position at the head of the bier and read the usual Episcopal Church service.

of the bier and read the usual Episcopal Church service.

At the words "dust to dust, ashes to ashes" he sprinkled a handful of earth upon the casket. The invocation "Divine strength for the afflicted ones" brought the simple ceremonies to an end. The undertaker's assistants hermetically sealed the sarcothagus, and the remains were carried into the mausoleum. The sarcophagus was placed in the crypt, opposite to that of the dead millionaire's wife. Chancellor McCracken then entered, followed by the family.

wife. Chancellor McCracken then en-tered, followed by the family.

They remained in the tomb until the crypt had been sealed up. The slab bore the following inscription:

Jay Gould, Born May 29, 1836, Died December 2, 1892.

The funeral services at the tomb occupied just half an hour, twelve minutes of which Chancellor McCracken used for the

The family returned to their coaches The family returned to their coaches and were driven out by the same gate through which they entered. There was no demonstration of grief at the tomb, although George Gould looked worn and haggard. During the service there were but one hundred people in the cemetery. When the vault was locked up Undertaker Main said there would be a guard locked about the mansoleum, but how placed about the mausoleum, but how long it would be maintained he did not

THE CIVIL SERVICE OFFICE.

The Ninth Annual Report of the Commis-

sioner is Made Public. WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 .- The ninth annual report of the United States Civil Service Commission was made public today. It shows that from July t, 1891, to June 30, 1892, 3,919 applicants were exam-ined for the departmental service at Washington, of whom 2,604 passed and 1,315 failed to pass. For the railway mail service 4,597 were examined, 2,949 passed and 1,648 failed; for the customs service 1,624 were examined, 962 passed and 662 failed; for the postal service 9.162 were examined, 5,551 passed and 3,511 failed; for the Indian service 158 were examined, 94 passed and 64 failed. The whole num-ber examined for the five branches of the classified service were 19,400, of whom 12,000 passed and 7,300 falled. Com-pared with the previous year this shows an increase of 386 in the whole number examined, a decrease in the whole number who passed of 626, and an increase in the number who failed of 1,012.

The report shows that the appointments and promotions of men over women in

competition examinations was in the ratio On the subject of political assessments

the report says: The Commission deems the stand it has taken in reference to political assessments to be of special importance, and, perhaps, the most noteworthy feature of its work since its last report. During the presidential campaign it made use of every means in its power to protect Government employes from being assess for political purposes and to procure the punishment of those seeking to assess them in violation of law. This is the first time the Civil Service Commission has, in the midst of a presidential campaign, actively interfered to prevent the collection of these assessments, and it believes its action had a beneficial effect; public employes felt as they never be-fore felt-that they were protected and need not contribute unless they choseand that there was much less assessing done than ever before, although it cannot be doubted that as it was altogether too much took place. In the opinion of the Commission this practice will not wholly be broken up until it is made a penal offense for any person whatsoever to solicit a political contribution from a Government employe, in any place whatsoever. Such employes would then be left at liberty to contribute if they cared to, but they would not be asked to do

FIRE IN THE LEDGER OFFICE. The Building and Contents Damaged to the Extent of \$200,000.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 6.→The Public Ledger building, a massive six-story brownstone-front structure, on the southwest corner of Sixth and Chestnut streets, and running through to Sansom street, was damaged by fire to-night to the ex-tent of \$200,000, of which \$150,000 is sustained by the Ledger, and \$50,000 by tenants. The Ledger's insurance aggregates \$240,-

the contents. The other occupants are believed to be fully insured. The colbelieved to be fully insured. The col-lection of curios in the private office of Mr. George W. Childs, the Ledger's owner and publisher, which are inestimable er and publisher, which are incstimable in value, were saved. The damage to the building is \$100,000. About half of the structure was destroyed by fire and water. The flames were confined to the fourth floor, and all above and the portions below were flooded.

The facilities of every printing office in the city were offered to Mr. Childs, and after William M. Singerly, president of the Record Publishing Company, had

and after William M. Singerly, preadent of the Record Publishing Company, had personally tendered the use of his plant, the offer was accepted and to-morrow and till further arrangements shall be made the Ledger will be issued from the Record office. Mr. Childs and Mr. A. J. Drexel were

STEVENSVILLE, VA., Dec. 6 .- Special 000-\$160,000 on the building and \$80,009 on

bied, at 12:05 yesterday morning, at her home, Piain Dealing, King and Queen county, Mrs. Juliette Dew, widow of the late Rhoderic Dew, Esq., and daughter of Rev. Thomas Evans, of Middlesex. Mrs. Dew was much beloved by neighbors and friends, and possessed the devoted affec-tion of her large and interesting family. she was a true Christian. The funeral took place to-day at 2 o'clock P. M. at her home, and she will be laid to rest in the family graveyard by the side of her beloved husband and children. Rev. Alexander Fleet officiated.

Senator Gibson's Condition.

HOT SPRINGS, ARK., Dec. 6,-Senater Gibson's condition is unchanged. He is iying at the point of death, and the physicians are surprised at the amount of vitality he possesses, which has kept him up this long.

A NEW FRENCH CABINET

THE MINISTRY, AFTER MUCH DE. LAY, FORMED BY M. RIBOT.

First Meeting of the Body Held Yesterday.

A Warning From the Gaulois... The Programme Agreed Upon.

PARIS, Dec. 6 .- The new Cabinet formed by M. Ribot to-day held its first meeting this afternoon. A draft of the policy of the Ministry was made, and was approved. The programme, as laid out by the new Ministry, will be transmitted to the Chamber of Deputies, and will be received officially by that body when it reassembles on Thursday.

The newspapers comment variously upon the formation of the new Ministry. The Journal Des Debats says that the country will experience a feeling of relief

at the termination of the crisis, and hopes the Ministry will be firmer in the direc-tion of affairs than was the last Cabinet. The Gaulois declares that unless the ministerial announcement includes the intention of the Government to forward with the utmost power the work of the Panama investigation it will be asked for an explanation—even on Thursday.

SOUTHERN APPROPRIATIONS

In the Annual Estimates to Congress by Treasury Department.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 .- The annual estimates prepared by the Treasury Depariment and sent to Congress provide appropriations for public buildings at Clarksville, Tcnn., to complete, \$25,600; Charleston, S. C., to complete, \$50,000; Norfolk, Va., to complete, \$60,000; Philadelphia, for site and commencement of United States mint building, \$500,000; Savannah, Ga., to continue with the request that the act of last year authorizing the sale of the old site be so modified as to authorize the sale of the old site first acquired, \$100,000; Cape Charles quarantine station, Va., to complete and improvements, \$131,000; Washington, D. C., for postoffice, to continue, \$500,000. It is estimated by the War Department that \$12,700,750 can be profitably expended in river and harbor improvements during the year, exclusive of \$2,665,000 for the improvement of the Mississippi, and \$750,000 for the Missouri river. These estimates are not submitted as annual estimates for the rublic service, because there will be no river and harbor legisla-

tion this session. According to a statement prepared by Messrs. Courts and Cleaves, clerks to the House and Senate committees on appro-priations, respectively, the excess of es-timated revenues over the estimated ap-propriations for 1894 will be \$22,860,030.05. This is exclusive of \$48,600,000 for the sinking fund, and also exclusive of deficiencies and miscellaneous appropriations.

ALL ON BOARD LOST.

An Unknown Vessel Goes Down in a Heavy Sea.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 6 .- A very heavy gale prevails in this vicinity, and a tremendous sea is running at the mouth of Mersey river, making it extremely dangerous for vessels to seek to enter or clear the river. At 8:30 o'clock this morning a bark, which, from her general appearance, was supposed to be a Norwegian vessel, ran aground on Burbo bank.

It was evident from the manner in which she was handled that she had no

pilot on board. As soon as her headway was stopped the sea made a clean breach over her, sometimes completely hiding her from view with the exception of her masts. Fifteen minutes after she struck her mainmast and mizzen topmast went over her side. Shortly afterward the vessel fell over on her side and was com-

pletely submerged. Life boats put out for the bark as soon as her position was seen, but their progress against the gale and sea was slow, and the bark went down before they reached her. It is supposed that everybody on board the bark was lost.

JAMES RIVER STEAMBOAT LINE.

The Proposed Enterprise Highly Appreciated-Surry Court House

CLAREMONT, VA., Dec. 6.-Special .-Our citizens are enthusiastic over the prospect of having a line of palatial steamers stopping at our wharf about the 1st of May, plying daily between Richmond and Norfolk.

Our Episcopal brethren have a new pas-tor, Rev E. Sterling Gunn, for this parish. He will commence preaching here next Removed to the Home of His Brother in

There is a movement on foot among the Claremonters to get the court-house located here. Mr. J. R. Hopper, a Northern capi-talist, who is quite extensively interested in Claremont enterprises, has offered to erect a commedious brick building, fit it up with court-room, all the necessary of-fices, etc., and donate its use to the county of Surry for a term of twenty-five years, free of charges, if the people of the county will make Claremout the county seat. To show that he means business, he offers to furnish bonds to the board of supervisors or the proper authorities for the faithful performance of the contract.

A STABLE DESTROYED.

A Little Boy Throws a Lighted Match in

the Forage_Miss Christian Dead. NEBRASKA, VA., Dec. 5 .- Special .- Mr. R. K. Purdum had his stable, which was filled with forage, destroyed by fire last evening. The fire was caused by his little grandson striking a match and throwing it into the forage.

Hannah Christian, aged ten years, daughter of Judge Christian, died at the residence of her father last Sunday.

Davenport Committee Report.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6.—A meeting of the Davenport committee, of which Representative Fitch, of New York, is chairman, met to-day to outline a plan of action. It was concluded to call upon the Attorney General for a list of special deputy marshals and upon the Secretary of the Treasury for a list of supervisors. It was agreed that upon the return of the printer agreed that upon the return of the printer of the evidence taken by the committee a report will be prepared. This will be done in about a week or ten days.

Mr. Cleveland at Lakewood.

LAKEWOOD, Dec. 6.-The President-elect spent the day quietly attending to his accustomed mail. In the evening sev-eral of the cottagers called and had a chat with him. He expects to leave on Thursday for New York. He will be ac-companied by Mrs. Cleveland and Baby Ruth, Mrs. Cleveland going on to Buffalo, where she will be the guest of her mother, and will remain there for three weeks.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

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Weather Conditions—A storm of considerable energy, accompanied by heavy rainfalls, is central in Missouri and Arkansus, moving northwestward. The temperature has risen decidedly over the Middle Atlantic States, the upper Ohio Valley and in New England, and has fallen decidedly in the lower Missouri Valley, and thence southwestward to Texas. Itain or enow has fallen over the entire country east of the Rocky mountains, excepting the Southern States.